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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £251,093.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
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Shanghai.

Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND FIXED DEPOSITS, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [87]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000

BANKERS:

LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 2 PER CENT.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months—5 per cent.

" 6 " " 4 "

" 3 " " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THIS NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000

Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG:

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

" 6 " " 4 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [8]

Intimations.

WANTED.
A ROTARY PRINTING PRESS. Size
about 36 by 41 inches, or a trifle larger.
Must be in working order.

Apply, stating terms, &c. to

G. W.
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1893. [104]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

After this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name
remain Unpaid.

By Order, R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [44]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,
£7.50 PER MONTH

for BOARD and LODGING in ROOMS facing
Pedder Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board
£45 Per Month.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1893. [58]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street).

THE Undersigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LUX and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSES providing it by
first-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later
if notice is given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person... £35.00

Tiffin... £1.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast... £0.50

Tiffin... £0.75

Dinner... £1.00

SPECIAL TIFFINS AND DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [58]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED BOARD and UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and
Table Accommodation.

Apply to

Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1893. [400]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD. ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

FULL PARTICULARS ON APPLICATION,
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE,
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1893. [173]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 £833,333.33

EQUAL TO £318,000.00

RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LIU SING, Esq. LO YEU MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq. [174]

MANAGER—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

NOTICE.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORNESS of the ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, beg most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Guinean's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superior will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [403]

NOTICE.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public

BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour

adjacent the Hotel, and is under the same Management.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers

and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [198]

NOTICE.

W. BREWER.

JUST RECEIVED

A NEW STOCK of GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES in BROWN RUSSIAN and

MOROCCO LEATHER.

LADIES' WALKING SHOES in MOROCCO LEATHER.

LADIES' TENNIS SHOES, "The Renown."

NEW STOCK BRIAR PIPES, TOBACCO POUCHES, &c.

SPLENDID STOCK of ENGRAVINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS and other PICTURES.

NEW PATENT OPAQUE BANK ENVELOPES.

EXCHANGE TABLES.

2/- to 3/- £2.00.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD

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NOTICE.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the

centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with

the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites

and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on; DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAY, etc., and heated

to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamer.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—“CENTRAL, SHANGHAI.”

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [400]

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

SPLENDID SHOW OF

NEWEST TOYS,

AND

FANCY GOODS.

NOT ALL NEW GOODS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1893.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

SEASON 1893-94.

THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF OUR SUPPLIES OF GARDEN SEEDS

for this season have arrived, and we are now prepared to book orders for prompt or forward execution. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the seeds are marginally numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state only the numbers of the kinds required.

Orders from one person, of from \$5.00 to \$10.00, allowed 25 per cent. discount; over \$10.00, an extra 5 per cent.

CLAY'S FERTILISER.

A high class Fertiliser for Pot Plants and for use in the Garden generally; it supplies natural nourishment to the soil and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour, and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each.....\$1.50
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RANSOMES' "NEW PARIS"

LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest machines in the market. Kept in stock and supplied at Manufacturer's prices.

FERMINGERS' MANUAL OF GARDENING FOR THE TROPICS.

This work is alike interesting to the student of botany and to the practical gardener, and comprises a large number of plants which for the convenience of reference are arranged in separate groups and are headed with their ordinary and botanical names.

THE CULTIVATION OF FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, FRUIT TREES, &c.

is practically dealt with, and Pruning, Grafting, and Manuring thoroughly explained.

Price \$7.50.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

The Hongkong Dispensary.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1893.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

POLITICAL FORTENTS IN EUROPE.
THE BRITISH SQUADRON IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

LONDON, September 15th.

The British Squadron has been received with ovations and has been feted at all the Italian ports called at. The Squadron will remain at Toulon to await the arrival of the Russian fleet, and will act as a set-off to the reception which it is expected the Russians will meet with from the French.

BOHEMIA'S ADVANCE.

Owing to the growing desire for home rule in Bohemia and consequent agitations, a state of siege has been proclaimed throughout the Prague district.

THE RISINGS IN SPAIN.

MADRID, September 8th.

The grievances which led to the recent disturbances in Spain have been rectified to the satisfaction of the people.

CHOLERA IN EUROPE.

A case of suspected cholera is reported from Biscay province.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND RATE.

As a precautionary measure, in view of heavy withdrawals of gold for the United States, where all available gold is being accumulated, the Bank of England has raised its rate of discount to six per cent.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

FROM 1814 TO 1880 the Siberian mines produced 1,200 tons of gold.

LOVE laughs at locksmiths, but it gives a very respectful attention to the goldsmith.

THE silk ex the *Empress of China*, from Yokohama 25th August, was delivered in New York on the 21st inst.

THREE ought to be fairly cheap food soon for the treasuring millions of Kwangtung if the reports of the rice crops in that province are based on fact.

"Can you name anything which the United States imports from Ireland?" asked the teacher. "Yes," replied Johnny Currie, promptly. "Police men."

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carrill & Co.) that the "Shire" Line steamer *Dundee-shire* left Singapore for this port last night, and is due on or about the 21st inst.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 165, F.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Fleet Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A PUNKAH-COOLIE who had been assaulted in the barracks by some member of the S.L.I. on the 14th inst., brought up the wrong man to-day before the Magistrate, who acquitted the defendant on a libel.

ST. PETER'S SPAMEN'S CHURCH.—The Mission steam-launch *Davy Strib* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, to convey men ashore to the 11 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

WISE MEN AND FOOLS.

A little liquor now and then
Is wished by the wisest men;
But foolish men desire to wet
Their throats with all that they can get.

Detroit Free Press

STATISTICS gathered by the German Imperial Commission on Labor show that in many parts of the empire the duration of work exceeds fifteen hours daily. In Northwest Germany the percentage of work people laboring thus long is 36.8 of the whole.

AS per ad., the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Co.'s *White Cloud* will leave the Company's wharf at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning and will arrive at the Holy City about 12.30 p.m. First-class fare to Macao \$2, return (per *Huayshun* on Monday), \$1.

"I should think," said the philanthropic visitor, "that you would be ashamed to be found in the workhouse."

"Well," replied the losser, "I used to be kinder, I was ashamed, but after spending a few hours in the piece-count cells, git'in' to the workhouse seems a good deal like promotion."

AT the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, the coolie charged with causing the death of his wife by striking her in the abdomen as reported in these columns yesterday, was committed for trial; and an Indian named Fati committed for trial; and an Indian named Fati charged with attempting to obtain \$30 Singly, charged with attempting to obtain \$30 by false pretences, was also sent up to the Sessions, which commence on Monday.

THERE is quite a flutter in the local coal market owing to the falling-off in supplies from Japan; the result, probably, of a skillfully formed "ring" that is now asking—and getting—slightly over \$5 per ton for coal that a month ago was a comparative drug on the market at \$3.50 and \$3.75 a ton. Lucky holders of "black diamonds" are very jubilant and exceedingly busy raking in the merry Mexican.

THE Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Mount Austin Hotel this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture....."La Circassienne".....Auber.
Dance....."The Silver Sister".....Dalse.
Cavillaria Rusticana".....Mascari.
Yield....."Acclamation".....Graul.
Selection....."La Cigale".....Auzra.
Lances....."Féries".....Bucolac.
Valse....."Sweet Bair".....Lorches.
Polka....."Clapotes".....Florence.

IT has long been conceded that there exists an immeasurable gulf between the ethereal beings who honor and adorn the upper regions of this island with their presence and the humble sinners who slumber through summer on these lower levels. To be sure, both sections are far across the sea, they are of a similar colour and mainly speak the same language; but beyond that parallels are baseless and hopeless. And amongst the Cloud-landers where the not-at-home-to-anyone-but-Mr. Spooner-like 4 o'clock tea are indulged in together with all the other eccentric peculiar to fashionable "society," there exist other customs which are unknown, less polished and mainly speak the same language; but beyond that parallels are baseless and hopeless. 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taken to ascertain how a man with a large family to support on slender means could manage to keep up the style he did and carry on such business. The same might be said in respect to the scandalous Barnadas defalcations at the Post Office.

Now, there is a lesson to be learnt from this ruinous haphazard manner of carrying on public business, and it is that secret surveillance of Government employees is an absolute necessity and should be carried on at the earliest possible moment. It might cost a few hundreds of dollars annually, but what would that be compared with the scores of thousands embezzled, and gone for ever, and the riddance of notoriously bad rubbish that should speedily result from careful and cautious investigations? Very little, indeed, is the sinner if it is done the better will it be for the credit of the Government of this scandalously un governed colony—this happy hunting ground for the fat-headed calves of Downing Street.

Yours faithfully,
OESERVER.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1893.

FOOCHOW NOTES.

Foochow, 9th September, 1893.—There has lately been a brisk demand for Foochow manufactured paper for the North, and the export of this article during the past few weeks has in consequence been considerable.

The Foochow Arsenal, which has for some years past been under the control of the reigning Viceroy, has now been transferred to the superintendence of a mandarin specially appointed by him.

Early on Wednesday morning, when half a gale of wind was blowing and the tide running strong, a house boat got ashore on the river and running on to the rocks near Limpon became a complete wreck. There were two men and a boy of twelve on board. The men managed to save themselves, but the poor lad was drowned.

A man in the city has lately died from a mistake in the medicine shop in making up the doctor's prescription. The Chinese doctor having certified that the mistake was the cause of the man's death, the family demanded a sum from the proprietor of the shop as indemnity for their loss, which was promptly paid to avoid further trouble.

Some wealthy philanthropic local natives have engaged the services of a staff of Chinese doctors to attend the poor who may need medical advice. The head quarters, where these doctors may be consulted, are at the Joss-house at the back of the Native Hospital. Advice and medicine will be given free of charge. It is merely a matter of accident we presume that this consulting room is next door, so to speak, to the Foochow Native Hospital.

In the village named Chatsze in the close vicinity of the Pagoda, Hwa-Hul lottery tickets have been largely dealt in, and this having been brought to the notice of the Viceroy, a magistrate supported by a body of 500 "braves" has, under orders, made a raid on the shops. Some twenty dealers in the tickets were arrested, but many escaped and the head man could not be found. All the moveable property of these shops was taken possession of.

A mandarin in the office of the Provincial Treasurer to whom the duty of making payments was entrusted, has lately been discovered to be helping himself to funds belonging to the office. It appears that he had been systematically drawing money due to persons entitled to pensions on the pension list which had never been paid them. He has been arrested, and he will be kept in prison until instructions have been received from Peking as to how he is to be punished. The report of his conduct is now on the way to the capital.

A fire broke out at about 8 o'clock last Saturday night in a street called How-chow, which is off the main thoroughfare on that side, facing the city, near the back of the fish-market on that side. It originated in a joss-paper shop. It appears that to find the particular kind of paper required by a customer, which happened to be stowed away on a top shelf, the serving lad climbed a ladder with a candle in his mouth, and while taking down the paper brought it in contact with the flame of the candle and it in a short time the whole shop was on fire. A strong northerly wind was blowing at the time, causing the flames to spread from house to house with marvellous rapidity, and by 9 o'clock there was a tremendous, wide-spread conflagration. As there had been no rain for a long time the timber of the houses was as dry as tinder, affording an easy prey to the flames. It is estimated that upwards of 600 houses were consumed, and the loss of property was of course very great, bringing ruin to the majority of those burned out. To add to the disaster, twelve lives were lost through the falling of one of the high fire-walls. The fire did not subside until nearly mid-night.

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SHOULD THE CHINESE BE EXCLUDED?

Much of the adverse criticism on the Chinese Restriction Law of May, 1893, says the Hon. Thomas J. Geary in the *North American Review* for July, is due to ignorance of the situation which then confronted Congress, and the intent and purpose of the law. Those hostile to this Act condemn, not the intention of the law, but the consequences which follow upon its violation, and which are the creation of persons affected by it.

The consequences now confronting the Chinese in the United States are the results of the action of the Chinese themselves in defying the Government, in their voluntary failure to obey its just and reasonable laws; and their possible deportation is the result of their own actions and not what was contemplated or expected when the law was passed. The law was intended only to prevent the further importation of Chinese into the United States. Deportation of those legally here was not its purpose. It was a proper and just exercise of power on the part of this country. The condition that confronted us is well stated by Mr. Joseph H. Choate, the attorney before the Chinese, in his argument before the United States Supreme Court in their behalf.

[Here follows a quotation from Mr. Choate to the effect that a very large class of Chinese laborers who were lawless intruders, had made their way into our country in defiance of its statutes, and that these could not be easily distinguished from the other class who were the treaties are entitled to be and remain here.]

Since 1882 the laws of this country have prohibited the coming into it of Chinese laborers. This law was known in China and was familiar to all these people here, yet the Chinese continued to pour into the country in violation of our laws. Once here, they were received with open arms by their people, and their identity was concealed and lost in the great mass of Chinese in this country who have always lent all the assistance in their power to enable these people to violate the law. It was impossible to separate them from their countrymen for deportation, on account of their looking so much alike, and because numbers of their fellows were always ready to testify that the accused had been in the United States for many years. These violations of law were encouraged by the Chinese legally here, and especially by the Six Companies, who made a profit out of the importation of the coolies. Either the restriction

laws had to be repealed and the ports of the country thrown open to this class of immigration, or else some other measure that would secure the enforcement of the restriction laws had to be adopted.

During these years the Government has expended much money to maintain guards and inspectors upon our frontiers and our seaports, for the purpose preventing infraction of our laws by a race who have never shown any respect for them. Of the 10,000 Chinese now here, more than one-third are here contrary to our expressed wish.

The Act of 1893, as Mr. Choate says, had for its only object the identity of those Chinese who are rightfully here, so that we might distinguish them from those who came in violation of law and have no right to remain. It was calculated to prevent the deportation of the innocent or the infliction upon them of any hardships attendant upon its enforcement. It was not a harsh law, and its purpose was justified by the necessity of securing obedience to our existing statutes, and upon the score of economy in reducing the expenses incurred by the Government because of the defiance of our laws by this particular race.

Objection is made to the registration, that it subjects the Chinese to hardships, and degrades them. If registry is degradation, there are many Americans who have a right to complain. Thirty-four States require that citizens shall register before being allowed to vote; and in most of the States members of certain professions and trades are required to register and obtain a certificate before being allowed to pursue their calling.

The law provides that officers go to the Chinaman wherever he be and afford him every facility for complying with the law without expense or burden. The law was wise and just, and ought to be enforced. It is known from experience in California, where nine-tenths of the Chinese in the United States reside, that the great mass of Chinamen here would willingly have complied with the law, but for the threats of their masters, the Six Companies, who hold most of the Chinese in this country under control. The antagonism of the Six Companies to the law is not on account of the degradation it offers to their subjects, but because its enforcement would insure the prevention of any further importation of their slaves. It was the destruction of their slave-trade that caused the Six Companies to fight the law, and not any love for the vassals now in their employment here.

The law is in entire accord with the last compact between this Government and China. In this treaty it is provided that—

"If Chinese laborers, or Chinese of any other class, now elite, permanently or temporarily residing in the United States, meet with ill-treatment at the hands of any other persons, the Government of the United States will exert all its power to devise measures for their protection, and to secure to them the same rights, privileges, immunities, and exemption as may be enjoyed by the citizens, or subjects, of the most favored nation, and to which they are entitled by treaty."

Such language is not found in any treaty with any other nation, and illustrates the acuteness of Chinese diplomacy.

As the National Government is made primarily liable for any injury to Chinamen in the United States, it became the duty of this Government to adopt a system of registration of all these people for whose protection they became specially liable. The exercise of the registration power is justified by this treaty, and failure to require registration would be gross carelessness.

The first duty of Governments is to their own citizens. It is fair to subject our laborers to the competition of a rival who measures his wants by an expenditure of six cents a day, and who is habituated to live on an income of \$5 per month? What will become of the boasted civilization of our country if our toiler is compelled to compete with this class of labor, with more competitors available from China than twice the entire population of Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.

The Chinese laborer brings here no wife and no children, and his wants are limited to his individual necessities, while the American must earn income sufficient to maintain wife and babies. The protection of American labor is an essential duty of the American Government.

We are threatened with the loss of the trade with China. We would be better off without any of it. It leaves a balance of fourteen to fifteen millions against us every year.

If lens, that they remain in the United States, must obey our laws. There is no room in this country for the establishment of foreign governments, or for races that are not willing to submit to be governed as we are governed.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

One man in four has defective vision. There are no snakes in Newfoundland. The first Pension Act was passed in 1818. One takes about 2,000 steps in a mile's walk. Among civilized people Swedes take the palm for honesty.

The first American postal card was issued in May, 1873.

An adult perspires twenty-eight ounces in twenty-four hours.

The magnesia light was first applied to photography in 1864.

The physicians were the first to employ enemas to fortify cities.

The oldest existing bank is the Barcelona Bank, founded in 1401.

Rapid growth of the finger nails is considered to indicate good health.

The Chews tribe in Russia use no money. Their unit of value is a cow.

There was no year of 1 B.C. was immediately followed by the year 1 A.D.

The longest trestlework in the world is the bridge over Lake Ponchartrain.

More suicides take place on Tuesday and Thursday than on other week days.

A quarter of each generation is said to die before reaching the age of seventeen.

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The average height of an infant at its birth is 18 inches average weight, 6 3/4 pounds.

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There are 49,65,000 dwelling-houses in Europe, and 21,600,000 in the United States.

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In 1861 photography was first successfully applied to the transfer of art works to wooden blocks.

New Mexico has the lowest death rate from consumption of any State or Territory in the Union.

The year '93 began on Sunday, and it will end on Sunday, thus giving fifty-three Sundays to the year.

In 1893 the King of Northumberland gave 800 acres of land for one book containing the history of the world.

The wonderful Damascus blades that cut bars of iron in two were not superior to the Toledo blades of to-day.

In ancient days nearly all Grecian maidens dressed in white. Any other color was considered immodest.

The oldest flute in the world is made of the bone of a sheep and was found in a tomb on the banks of the Nile.

New Ilium or Troy had a State bank in the second century B.C. that borrowed money for the State and paid 10 per cent.

The oldest statue in the world is that of the Sheik of an Egyptian village. It is believed to be not less than 6,000 years old.

The amount of air that a man will inhale in twenty-four hours will fill seventy-eight bags and weigh fifty-three pounds.

At the beginning of the last war (in 1876) the population of Paraguay was reckoned at 770,000; to-day it is less than 250,000 and fully six-sevenths of that number are women.

A perfectly formed face should be divided into three equal parts, from the roots of the hair to the root of the nose, thence to the tip, and from the tip of the nose to the tip of the chin.

George Washington, who was first in peace, first in war and first in the hearts of his countrymen, died on the last day of the week, the last hour of the day, the last month of the year and the last year of the last century.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In Bengal there are three harvests reaped every year—peas and oilseeds in April, the early rice crop in September, and the great rice crop in December.

On the tower of the parish church of Black-pool, Somerset, is growing a yew tree now 5 feet high. It is supposed that it owes its origin to a seed dropped by a bird.

The telephonometer is the new instrument that registers the time of each conversation at the telephone from the time of ringing up the exchange to the ringing-off signal.

The Chinese have no large factories or machinery, and the finest silks are woven in the small dwellings of the poor upon the simplest kind of looms, all the family taking part in the dyeing, weaving and spinning.

Of all living things, perhaps, are capable of longest life. English yews and California redwoods are supposed to have lived 10,000 years, and there are cedars of Lebanon which may possibly date back before the Christian era.

The order of precedence in the British army is as follows: Life Guards, Horse Guards, Dragoon Guards, Cavalry of the Line, Horse Artillery, Engineers, Grenadier Guards, Scots Guards, Coldstreamers, then infantry of the Line.

The wild oranges of the Society Islands, which are now an important article of export, owe their origin partly to Captain Cook, who brought to London slips from Brazil and partly to the early missionaries from the Australian colonies, who introduced another variety.

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The Clearing-house of London was the first of its kind, established in 1775 for the use of bankers that they might exchange drafts, bills and securities, and thereby reduce the labor of effecting daily settlements in cash. By means of a system of books and transfer tickets accounts involving many millions are daily settled without the exchange of any money. In 1864 the association was joined by the Bank of England.

Horsehair is less used now than formerly for the padding of military coats. Probably one cause for its abolition is the troublesome wound it makes when a bullet passes through the stuffing before entering the flesh, for the hard, stiff hair is driven before the bullet and sets up a constant irritation there. Several such instances occurred in the American Civil War, when soldiers were shot by marksmen perched on trees.

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